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THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Sherman Adams

You are aware of the President's concern that all principal parts of the Administration keep abreast of the major activities of the government, including those of the independent agencies and commissions, so as to be alert to the effect of these actions on the level of employment and business generally.

In recent Cabinet meetings, the President has discussed the desirability of certain measures of an administrative nature which can be taken during the next several weeks to support the Administration's policy with respect to strengthening the economy in its recovery phase. It would appear that a systematic, periodic assembly of information bearing on these specific suggestions would be helpful to all of us during the highly critical period of the next several weeks. As an ad hoc means of accomplishing this purpose, the President has requested Harold Stassen to add this reporting to his other activities. In his present responsibilities, Mr. Stassen has a staff and secretariat familiar with economic operations throughout the Executive Branch.

You will realize, of course, that the President does not by this designation give Mr. Stassen any authority over the activities of any of the departments or agencies. He is expected only to enlist informally your cooperation, at the President's request, in consolidating such information so as to increase the combined effectiveness in this economic operations field. The purpose is to assure the President that the specific suggestions for administrative action in the domestic operations sphere recently agreed upon in the Cabinet are carried out.

Mr. Stassen will contact you in the near future to agree on the informal means of carrying out the intent of this arrangement.

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It is the President's purpose to devise a permanent coordinating system of this type as a result of studies now going on in the White House. When recommendations have been developed out of these studies, they will be put on the agenda for a future Cabinet meeting.

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